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This is a Dec. 3, 2008 file photo of the Speaker of the House of Commons Michael Martin walking in a procession during the State Opening of Parliament in the Member's Lobby of the Palace of Westminster in London. In a sharp break with tradition, the leader of a British political party on Sunday urged the speaker of the House of Commons to resign due to his handling of the expenses scandal that has rocked Britain.

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SPORTS NEWS
PENS WIN



Pittsburgh Penguins' Miroslav Satan, center, celebrates teammates Jordan Staal, left, and Matt Cooke after Satan scored against the Carolina Hurricanes in the first period of Game 1 of the NHL hockey Eastern Conference finals in Pittsburgh, Monday, May 18, 2009.

See *Sports Today*

Tickets still available for the hottest event of the year

Soul Beach Music Festival kicks off tonight

PALM BEACH - The Soul Beach Music Festival is an annual event that has been taking place for the past 9 years every May.

You might remember during the late 90s, that the comedian "Sinbad" used to hold an event on the island of Aruba that brought back many of the classic bands and singers from the 70s, 80s and 90s for a huge weekend in Aruba.

It was a smash hit. Well the co-creators of that event decided to bring back that same magic to the present day with a mixture of neo-soul artist, nationally

known comedians and island beach activities to capture that same energy.

This is the sixth year of the Aruba event and it has now become a staple for Memorial Day Weekend travelers who are looking for fun and excitement with people who enjoy the same atmosphere in location and music.

The event that has everything you would want -- great people, warm sun, beautiful beaches, hot parties, and outstanding performances by the best in comedy and soul music.

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The Westin Resort, Aruba



Estelle

Opens the Aruba Wine, Food & Art Festival V with a press conference



PALM BEACH – The Westin Resort Aruba marked the start of the Aruba Wine, Food & Art Festival in its 5th edition with a press conference held at the resort in the Buena Vista, 17th floor conference room with artists, chefs, musicians and wine experts in attendance. The general public is invited to participate and tickets to all events are available at the resort

with the lobby concierge Programs highlights include: Thursday May 21st, 2009 The Taste of Aruba, Best Chef Competition, at the Pago Pago Restaurant at 7 p.m. Special dinner will be served prepared by Aruba's top chefs from the Westin Resort, Aruba, Papiamento Restaurant, Waterfront Crabhouse, The Flying Fishbone, Screaming

Eagle, Las Ramblas and Aqua Grill.

Each chef will prepare a signature course and pair it with a special wine selection. An award will be given at the end of the evening to the chef presenting the "People's Choice" dish. Tickets: \$85 per person.

The annual Art Exhibition in the resort gallery currently displays works of local artists bound by the theme Aruban Cuisine, curated by Aruba Art & Management Consultancy.

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PASEO HERENCIA-For a great and unique lunch and Dinner experience, you definitely have to go to Moby Dick's Seafood Restaurant.

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delicacy only known by deep sea connoisseurs who take pleasure in its delight on Sunday mornings. No need to wait for Sunday for this deep sea concoction of Fresh Oysters, Cooked Shrimp, Cold Vodka, Tomato Juice,

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The Amazing Angus Wrap and other Memorable Sandwiches are absolutely delicious just as their dearly loved desserts. The inconceivable cocktails are even more reasons to visit this great place.

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ORANJESTAD - Why should seafood enthusiast and other diners alike go to Driftwood Restaurant? Well let's start by mentioning that their fish is caught daily by the owner himself and prepared by a local chef. "Just like mama makes it." The food is fresh, the staff is friendly, and the place is definitely buzzing. If you want to catch your own fresh fish and can't stay for a sit-down dinner, enjoy their Charter Fishing trip and have them prepare it for you. Trust me; it doesn't get any fresher than this: From pier to plate as their motto says.



Fried fish would be the common choice, but you can get your entrée broiled, grilled or baked. However you can indulge in the more guilty options for lobster, Alaskan king crab legs, grouper, shrimp, Black Angus tenderloin and so forth. Ease your

conscience and add a salad or go all out and try their delicious crab cakes, fish soup, garlic escargots, lobster crepe and coconut shrimps before your hearty entrée.



While seafood stars at Driftwood, fish-phobic diners will not go hungry. They have a staggeringly vast menu, which doesn't miss much of anything, from authentic Aruban seafood, lobster, Alaskan king crab legs to chicken, lamb or steaks.

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Driftwood restaurant has a long tradition of serving the best seafood and steaks for over 20 years!

Don't forget to make this a must dine at restaurant while on vacation, you are sure to indulge in some great tasty seafood.



Restaurant information and reservation: open daily (closed on Tuesdays) from 5pm-10:30pm. Tel. 583-2515. Located at Klipstraat 12 in the heart of downtown Oranjestad, within driving distance from the resorts. □



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EAGLE BEACH – The Engineering team of La Cabana Beach & Racquet Club was singled out at the resort for being the most supporting

team of the last semester. General Manager Joe Najjar asked all members of the department to come forward and be showered with well-

deserved compliments during the recent associate recognition ceremony. He personally thanked them for their willingness to undertake all tasks, at all hours, with high levels of professionalism and enthusiasm.

Pictured here the engineers, ever-ready, ever-prepared, receiving a certificate of appreciation and a gift certificate from Najjar. They also celebrated the election of their colleagues to Associates of the Month, Yves Andre for January and Edgar Garcia for March. □



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The Turtle Cove offers tropical lunch in town



ORANJESTAD – At the end of a shopping spree in town, The Turtle Cove is an excellent spot to restore and refresh, right in the heart of Oranjestad.

Located on the second floor of Aruba's central bus terminal the colorful tropical café offers genuine Caribbean recipes in a most-charming alfresco setting, with caring and courteous service, easy-on-the-pocket prices.

Well-known foodie, Jose Lacle is at the helm of the eatery, he's always had an ardent and defined interest in food especially Creole and regional seafood preparations.

The delicious offerings on The Turtle Cove menu are directly related to his cuisine preferences featuring a refreshing change, Caribbean Coconut Shrimp, lightly sautéed in garlic & butter, swimming in coconut sauce, not battered, not fried, just crunchy shrimp, in a sweet shredded coconut sauce with cilantro!

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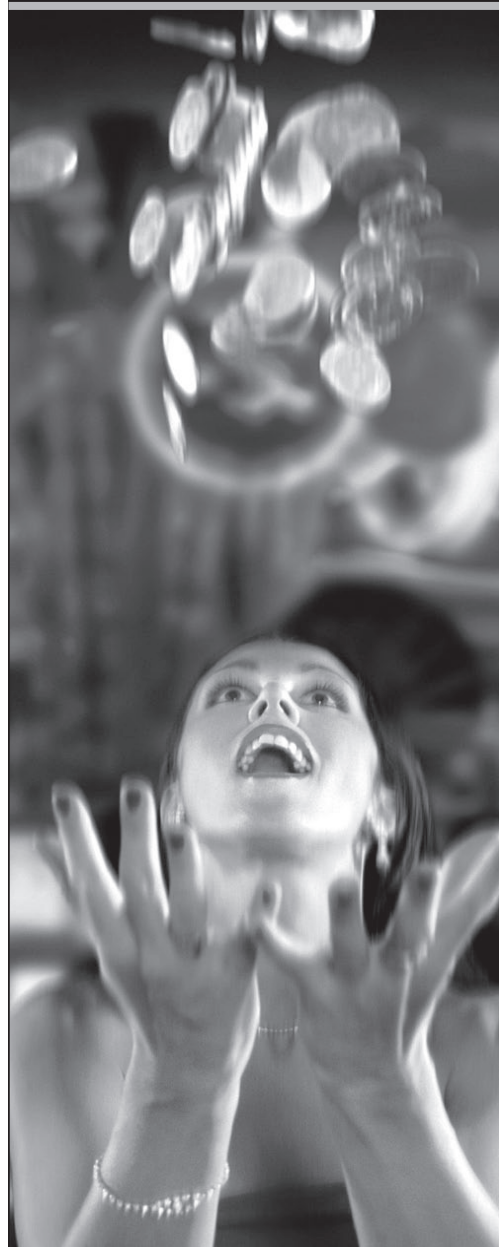
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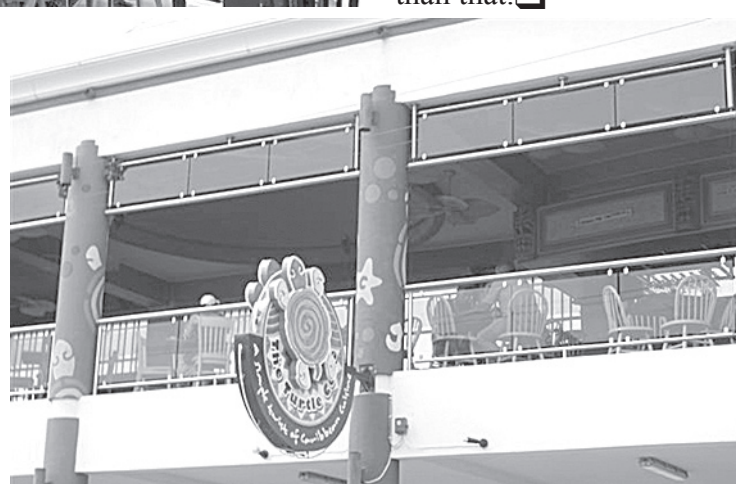
The café enjoys ample parking, right below, at the central bus stop.

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Associate Appreciation Week 2009 a Big Hit

Marriott Associates Celebrate a Week of Fun In Their Honor



PALM BEACH – In the week of May 11 till May 15, all Aruba Marriott associates celebrated a week of fun in their honor: Associate Appreciation Week. This special week is a yearly celebration initiated

by Marriott International, to celebrate the dedication and hard work of all 146,000 associates worldwide, of which over 1,100 associates are employed at the Aruba Marriott properties. During an

entire week all kinds of events and activities are organized for associates and even their children to participate in. Part of the celebrations is a Spirit to Serve our Communities activity, where Marriott associates give back to the island by means of volunteering.

The celebrations started off on Monday with a breakfast buffet for all associates. In the afternoon, children (age 5-15) of associates were invited for a special Kids Reverse Career Day. Over 25 children received a special tour of the hotel. They took a peek in



the guest rooms, visited many of the “back of the house” departments (kitchen, human resources, executive offices) and were even allowed to see the Stellaris Casino under supervision.

Afterwards, all associates were invited to sing their favorite songs during a Karaoke event in the Grand Ballroom.

On Tuesday everyone gathered in Stellaris Casino to play bingo. Over 300 associates played this exciting game from which 11 participants won a cash prize. For lunch the associates were treated to a sumptuous lunch served by the Executive Committee members in the Grand Ballroom followed by an afternoon of video

games such as the Nintendo Wii and X-Box. At night, families enjoyed the special movie night with the family movie “Space buddies”. Wednesday morning was reserved for Marriott’s Spirit to Serve our Communities. With the funds of the Marriott Care Foundation and a strong will of associates to help the community, the children of Anglo Kleuterschool were surprised when the team transformed their playground, cleaned up the grounds and planted new plants.

During the day, managers and the executive team participated in job shadowing. This is an activity for managers to experience the daily job of hourly associates such as the kitchen staff, casino cage staff



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and recreation staff.

Thursday morning all associates of Marriott's Aruba Ocean Club celebrated their 10th anniversary with different activities outdoors. In the afternoon the associates played the MITAGANA competition, a team sport activity of Marriott, where all departments compete in different sports.

This time a special edition of the competition was organized, called Extreme Sports.

In the evening the associates were invited to play a special roulette tournament which attracted great crowds in the hotel's Amsterdam Ballroom.

On the last day of the associate appreciation week, the department teams were challenged for brain gymnastics. More than 10 departments participated in this final event.

Associate Appreciation Week 2009 was another great celebration week for the Marriott staff members and especially Human Resources did a tremendous job organizing all events throughout the week.

Designated among the "World's Best Places to Stay" by Conde Nast Traveler's 2006 Gold List, Aruba Marriott Resort & Stellaris Casino boasts 411 guestrooms – the most spacious on the island – each with large, private balconies overlooking the sparkling waters of the Caribbean Sea.

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The Soul Beach Music Festival In Aruba is for professional progressive party travelers, singles, couples ages 25 and over who would like to experience something relaxing and fun at the same time with people of the same mind.

Who is here for 2009?

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Tickets range anywhere from \$65.00 for one night to \$180.00 for all three nights.



ESTELLE

Biography

She may be a born-and-raised West London girl, but we'd venture that 28-year-old Estelle Swaray is right at home in the energy of New York, her newly adopted city. She's got the self-determination with a bit of swagger. The get-up-and-go hustle. And this is one singer/songwriter/producer/rapper who is not afraid to take risks.

The brief period since moving to NYC from London in May 2007 has been an absolute whirlwind, as Estelle gears up for her re-entry into the musical landscape with Shine, her second album. She's the first artist to release under John Legend's new Homeschool label, in partnership with Atlantic Records. It's her debut on a major label, and an American one at that, but with Homeschool's philosophy of artist control and good soul music, her affiliation with the label is at the essence of what she's all about.

Whereas her 2004 debut album, The 18th Day from V2 Records, was totally self-created, Shine marks the first time Estelle has brought other producers and artists into the creative process with her, and she's excited by the scope of the music that has come out of these collaborations. Kanye West, Swizz Beatz, Wyclef

Jean, Will.i.am, Mark Ronson and Cee-lo & Jack Splash all lend talents to the album, executive produced by John Legend.

"Her sound is a unique blend of hip hop, pop, reggae and soul," explains Legend. "She has a special voice, unlike any other voice out there in mainstream music, and she can really write. She writes hip lyrics with unforgettable melodies. I recognized that in her when I first worked with her in 2004." He continues, "I'm excited and honored to have Estelle as the first artist on my label, Homeschool Records. I believe the world is going to fall in love with her album, as I already have. Estelle is an amazing talent, and she's going to do big things."

Fans of her previous songs will notice a newly bred confidence, and an unmistakable womanliness to the sound, partly because she sings more on Shine than her previous album. It was Legend who convinced Estelle that it was time to get expand her identity as a rapper by opening up and singing. "I stopped being scared," she says, and the resulting sound is more mature, soulful, and unlike anyone else on the scene.

I grew up all over West London—West Kent, Hammersmith, Shepherd's Bush—and stayed in West London my whole life. Everyone thinks I'm from South, I don't know why. I think the assumption is that South is kind of like Brooklyn, and I have that swagger. We were broke but we didn't know it—it was that kind of moment. We grew up around a lot of crazy situations, drugs and that kind of shit, but we weren't too much aware of it. My mom was good at

shielding us from it.

Born into a strictly religious Senagalese/Granadan family where she was the second of eight children, Estelle learned early about responsibility for self and family, as well as how to escape life's daily pressures through music. Though her mother had banned secular music in the house, young Estelle was exposed to African music and gospel (as well as her West Indian stepfather's roots reggae and dub) via an impressive homemade soundsystem. At school, '80s pop was the dominant sound. It wasn't long before a teenage Estelle was sneaking out of the house to hear hip hop. "You don't have to compromise yourself as an artist," says Estelle. "You just have to make the standard believable and relatable." While her previous successes were notable, they followed an unconventional path. She won a 2004 MOBO for "Best Newcomer" after she had already received "Best Female Artist" at the UK Hip Hop Awards three years in a row. Still, she was frustrated by what she describes as a glass ceiling in the UK urban music industry. "A lot of UK labels don't expect you to get beyond a certain point." "There's more to life than just taking what someone gives you," she adds, a philosophy that has served her well. She moved to New York on her own initiative. Her trademark drive was also in full effect when she happened upon Kanye West outside Roscoe's House of Chicken and Waffles during a fated trip to Los Angeles. She summoned up the courage to approach the star, and request an introduction with Legend. When the two hit it off, she also pushed her label to let her to open for Legend during his European Get Lifted

tour, a pairing that would continue for two years, and eventually blossom into the Homeschool deal. My mom is African, but I still have my West Indian roots. She would make African food and listen to African music, but we still had rice and peas and reggae. So I'm able to adapt. I've spent the last five years of my life traveling, so my viewpoint is wider than the average rapper or singer. Before any deals were signed I got to go to Germany, Japan, Hong Kong, Brazil... that shaped me for what was to come.

Swizz Beatz produced the album's title track. "It's a continuation of '1980'," says Estelle, referencing the popular 2004 single where she rapped about growing up in London. "This is me, as plainly as I'll be. It puts a lot of insecurities out there, but at the same time I'm still going to try to be me. As much as I'm giving you that strong woman, there's still that strong woman who is pretty vulnerable, and that's pretty much everybody."

Other tracks include "Magnificent", a booming dancehall party jam produced by Mark Ronson featuring Kardinal Offishall. Ronson was impressed by the young rapper long before Shine was on the horizon. "I was in England about four years ago and caught the video for her first single '1980'," he says. "I went straight to the record shop two hours later with the sole intention of buying it—that's how much I was blown away by it. Estelle is such a talented singer, rapper, vocal arranger, and songwriter. I can't think of anyone else who can do all those things as well as she can. Any time that we work together in the studio, she never comes up with an idea

that's uninspiring."

Sparks also flew between Estelle and Will.i.am when they recorded the album's first single, "Wait a Minute (Just a Touch)" anchored by an experimental spin on Screamin' Jay Hawkins' "I Put a Spell on You." The pair also came up with funk-infused "American Boy" after Legend requested "a hit." Of the song, which features Kanye West, she laughs, "I gave the ladies an anthem!"

The album's love songs, while sensual, reveal a thoughtfulness when it comes to modern day matters of the heart. "I'm a real woman. Been in relationships and been hurt, and hurt other people." When she got into the booth with Wyclef for "Substitute Lover," Estelle's answer to the shorty shout-outs dominating hip hop radio, Wyclef said he had never worked with a young artist that reminded him so much of Lauryn Hill, mostly because of Estelle's improvisational style. "I did it on a level of, let me just speak my mind, and then a lot of women out there agree with it." My influences? Ella Fitzgerald—she's my be all and end all. Mary J. Blige, because she's a person I love to sing to. Recently, Dinah Washington. She's so cheeky in performances. I like the emotion in a lot of classic rock, Aerosmith, Guns N' Roses. Freddie Mercury—"Bohemian Rhapsody" is still classic. Put it on today and it's still an original mix of sounds. Out in spring 2008, Shine is also an original mix of sounds. Where Senegal meets London and hops the pond. Where funk shimmies up against reggae and R&B. Somewhere out of this world is where you'll find Estelle☐



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Wayne Brady

Biography

Emmy award winning Wayne Brady is one of the most versatile performers in show business today. He has been entertaining audiences with his acting, improv, singing, and dancing on television, film, and the stage. In television, Brady has recently guest starred on The Dave Chappelle Show, 30 Rock, How I Met Your Mother, Dirt, and Everybody Hates Chris. He became well known for his improvisational skills on ABC's Whose Line Is It Anyway? for which he won an Emmy and earned four Emmy nominations. Brady went on to host his own syndicated talk/variety show The Wayne Brady Show for two years. Brady picked up two Emmys for Outstanding Talk Show Host and the show won an



Jamie Foxx



Robin Thicke

The Westin Resort, Aruba

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It features artists Stan Kuiperi, Irene Peterson, Ciro Abath, Marian Abath, Elvis Lopez, Eliza Lejuez, Glenda Heyliger, Elvis Tromp and Eefje van der Straten-van Twillert.

The exhibition will remain open for viewing and for sale until July 10th, 2009.

Friday, May 22nd, 2009

The much-anticipated Wine & Food Pairing Exhibition will take place from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. The Wine & Food Pairing in the Grand Ballroom offers exquisite food & wine tastings with the Westin Culinary Team, Aruba Culinary School Students and invited wineries from around the globe. Music will be provided by Daniel Aguirre's Jazz band.

The Wine & Food Pairing is open to the public and the admission is US\$30 per person at the door. Pre-sale tickets are available at the concierge desk for \$25 per person.

As part of the festival activities that day, a Trade Fair will be organized by local and international Wine and Liquor Purveyors, in honor of their local clients, by-invitations only. Sessions will take place from 10.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m.

Saturday, May 23rd, 2009

The highlight of the festival is the elegant and unique Capturing the Champagne Sparkle, from 7 p.m. to midnight, the Final Champagne event which will highlight dinner with South America's most famous celebrity chef, Colombian-born Harry Sasson Tchira.

The evening will be sponsored by Moët Chandon and Dom

Perignon, matching the chef's east-west creations with delectable, bottomless flutes of Champagne.

Tickets for a limited number of participants are available in the hotel lobby at the concierge desk at US\$140 per person. The festival will culminate with a great concert by Edjean, singing a classic tribute to Frank Sinatra including Strangers in the Night, My way, New York, New York, Fly me to the moon, As time goes by, Cheek to cheek, I won't dance, Come fly with me, Somewhere Beyond the Sea, Deep in a dream, The girl from Ipanema, Something Stupid, Moonlight serenade, Luck be a lady, I've got you under my skin, All of me, It was a very good year, That's life & Nothing but the best.

About Harry Sasson Tchira Chef Harry Sasson Tchira is the graduate of Colegio Anglo Colombiano. He cooked for a while for the Servicio Nacional de Aprendizaje SENA, and spent six years in Vancouver, Canadá, working as sous chef at Joe Fortes and the Westin Bayshore Hotel. Going back to Colombia in the 90s he opened H. Sasson Wok & Satay Bar, which he has been operating successfully since in addition to other brands he developed, employing 400 people in six different restaurants, namely Balzac, Club Colombia, H&B Bakeries & Harry's Bar, boating 1,000 seats, as well as a line of sauces and dressings sold in supermarkets, a book whose second edition was translated into English, a weekly newspaper column in



El Espectador and a popular international television program on Canal Gourmet y Discovery Travel & Living.

The proceeds from the sale of his books are earmarked to Fundación Corazón Verde and the Hogar Nueva Granada. He also fundraises for the foundations by coordinating

two gastronomic festivals each year.

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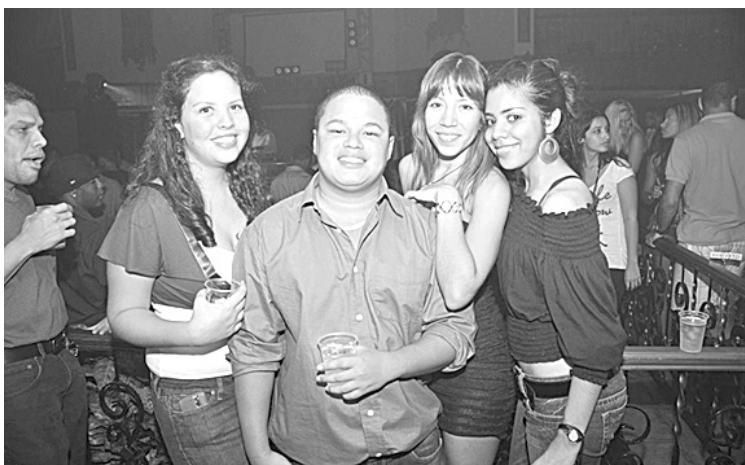
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Erotika at Mr Jazz sparked much excitement



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Prosecutors 'very pleased' with Curaçao detectives

PHILIPSBURG--Prosecutors are "very pleased" with the help being given by Curaçao detectives, but will have to await the official evaluation before knowing whether they will stay on.

Detectives from Curaçao and the Kingdom Detective Cooperation Team RST joined St. Maarten's investigative team in January as part of a two-pronged cleanup campaign. Investigators helped solve crimes that had already happened and 15 beat policemen helped control illegal activities and prevent crime. Windward Islands Chief Prosecutor Taco Stein said his office appreciated the help. Authorities here and in Curaçao will determine, after their trial is over, whether they will continue. "We're very pleased with them," Stein told The Daily Herald. "We would like them to stay on, but that's (for the evaluation to decide)." Stein said the officers might not be available for the long run. "We have to see if (keeping them on) is feasible," he said. They have been here since the first group of Curaçao police came and went. Another group of beat officers came for Carnival 2009 and then left during that time.

Authorities have arrested more than two dozen suspects since January in murder investigations dating as far back as March 2008. □

'Yes' and 'No' camps seeking dialogue after close referendum

WILLEMSTAD--After Friday's close constitutional referendum in Curaçao, both the governing coalition supporting the "Yes" option that won by a narrow margin of 3,035 votes (52-48 per cent) and the opposition parties backing the "No" option are studying the results and how to address the apparent sharp division in society.

While PAR leader Emily de Jongh-Elhage emphasised that the result is legitimate and clear regarding approval of the package negotiated with the Netherlands for Curaçao to become an autonomous country in the Dutch Kingdom, she also said she did not like what she had seen happening to the community during the

referendum campaign and never experienced before. She therefore wanted to extend a hand to the opposition to do something about it.

Her coalition partners Erilisa "Zus" de Lannooy (PNP) and Anthony Godett (FOL) both agree that while the result must be respected, trying to find more common ground with the "No" camp was important in the interest of restoring much needed unity within the population.

Opposition leader Charles Cooper of the MAN party said the ball was in government's court, since it could not ignore the fact that almost half the voters don't agree with the current process, which should be stopped to come to an agreement between all parties.

In addition, he added, the big variations in the result per district would seem to indicate that well-off and often fairly new neighbourhoods with many non-native (often European



Dutchmen) residents supported "Yes" more, while the more traditional "local" districts had a greater number of "No" votes.

In the rural "Banda'bou" area "No" won 14 of the 17 districts.

In total "No" actually won more (58) districts than "Yes" (48) but the latter did so in on average larger voting districts and with bigger margins.

The turnout of 67.1 per cent was considered positive when compared to the 2005 referendum (55.04 after correction), the Parliament election of 2006 (63.8) and the Island Council election of 2007 (66.6). □

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By: Dr. Carlos Viana

History is full of people who carry messages. Our word messenger comes from the Latin 'missus', which means "send". Interestingly, 'angel' is used to translate the Greek word of the New Testament pronounced ang-el-os originally meaning messenger. Thus, from the beginning messengers have been special individuals.

Bundles of fibers in your body form a network that transmits messages between the brain or spinal cord and the body's organs. These are your nerves. Of all your nerves, the vagus nerve is arguably the single most important nerve in your body.

The Medieval Latin word vagus means literally "wandering" and is the perfect description for the vagus nerve, the longest nerve in the body. It averages almost two feet in length and "wanders" throughout the upper body. The vagus nerve starts in the brain, goes down the neck and into the body where it affects the vocal cords, the acid content of the stomach, the heart, the lungs, and other organs. In the brain it projects to areas believed to be responsible for seizures, mood, appetite, memory and anxiety.

However, the vagus nerve cord does not have many pain nerves, so stimulation or depression of the vagus nerve is not painful. Knowing this, weight loss practitioners who many times say they are using safe, acupressure techniques, place magnetic pellets on the

The Vagus Diet

ears and along the vagus nerve to lower the activity or force of the messages traveling on this nerve. The vagus nerve is also called the pneumogastric nerve since it stimulates the lungs and the stomach muscles, causing these organs to do their job. This is a good thing.

Blocking or slowing down the messages to the stomach makes the stomach function less, producing less digestive fluids, digestion is greatly reduced and many individuals will start losing weight. Unfortunately, slowing down the vagus nerve also means slowing down heart, lung, intestines, and other organ functions. Not such a good idea.

Secondly, people who experience weight loss from this procedure or through a fad diet will invariably gain the weight back. As soon as the pellets are removed and, hopefully normal nerve function returns to the vagus nerve, the stomach starts producing again. With empty fat cells still in the body, the priority is to refill these empty cells and the fat quickly comes back. The depression of the vagus nerve does not deal with yeast overgrowth, insulin resistance or the five basic factors of weight gain.

As a Certified Clinical Nutritionist I educate our patients to the realities of our modern world. The first is a gradual gain from food in excess

with exercise deficit that reflects our modern lifestyle. Secondly, changes in metabolism from eating the wrong food for your metabolic type and reduced physical activity increases activity of fat storage mechanisms. Third, for many of us baby-boomers as we age there is a slow progressive weight gain into sixth or seventh decade associated with decreased lean-body mass. Fourth, compulsive eating or food addiction with its associated symptoms and ill-health. And finally, between lifestyle tendencies and the food-allergy complex lies a twilight zone of emotional instability, careless self indulgence and irritable child-like behavior of emotional eating of "feel good" food.

It was the custom in Ancient Greece and later in Rome to employ messengers to carry the news throughout the city/state/empire. This news was not always to the liking of the recipients but the laws decreed that these messengers were to pass unharmed from place to place to deliver whatever message they were commanded. Thus, the law stated and the Greek or Latin expression 'Don't kill the messenger' comes from. Good advice.

After the defeat of the battle at Actium, Anthony feared for the life of his beloved Cleopatra. Hearing of his distress Cleopatra sent Diomedes as her messenger to tell Anthony that she was still alive. Unfortunately, Diomedes was to slow and arrived after

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own house even to annoy your wife's mother." Want to lose weight safely? Call and make an appointment with a clinical nutritionist.

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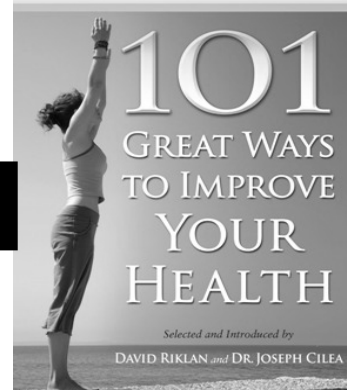
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Country status calls for the ultimate, says Schinkelshoek



THE HAGUE--Acquiring country status is possible, but it will require the ultimate of St. Maarten. It is a difficult job that might have to be done in steps. Don't be mistaken: Member of Dutch Parliament (MP) Jan Schinkelshoek of the governing Christian Democratic Party CDA is for St. Maarten attaining more autonomy in the Kingdom. Likemost others in Parliament, he just isn't convinced yet that the island is ready to take on that responsibility. "To CDA St. Maarten is the Friendly Island. But before we give them more leeway, more authority, we have to make sure

that that autonomy and power is well-used, that there will be no corruption, that finances are in order and there is a proper functioning police and judicial system. Until now we are not convinced that all are in order. Can it be made right? Yes, through hard work," said 55-year-old Schinkelshoek in an interview with The Daily Herald on Monday. "St. Maarten has not made it easy for itself. The island has open borders and a very limited professional capacity. They will have to use its capacity to the max. Country status will require the ultimate of St. Maarten. You need to know how many people you need and in what areas. You need to have the means, know where the weak spots are," said Schinkelshoek. The Netherlands in principle is willing to think along with St. Maarten and is already assisting with technical assistance and the deployment of members of the Royal Dutch Marechaussee. Dutch Parliament, and CDA is no exception, is truly concerned about St. Maarten and the

island's capacity. "However, these concerns should not be interpreted as the 'Calimero-effect of we are small and they are big,'" said the MP, referring to a well-known Dutch cartoon character. CDA will keep striving for target date of January 2010, although this will be close to impossible to realise. "It is a heroic exercise. As we have always said, soundness comes before speed. You have to ask yourself whether everything should come at once. Maybe not. Maybe we have to do it in little steps." The Netherlands Antilles is being dismantled as a country; Curaçao will manage to attain country status having more resources and means, and the BES islands Bonaire, St. Eustatius and Saba will be integrated in the Netherlands as so-called public entities. Country status for a larger island like Curaçao is much easier, added Schinkelshoek. Common goal St. Maarten will be a tough one, but not impossible. "As long as you agree on the common goal: country status

for St. Maarten. St. Maarten will not become a fourth BES island. That is not what the people voted for in 2000. The agreement is that St. Maarten becomes a country," he said. The agreement, however, is one with high demands. It is an agreement that requires cooperation between the Netherlands and St. Maarten. And it also requires mutual trust, an ingredient that is currently lacking. "We are looking at each other suspiciously. That is a waste of energy. You are better off using this energy to work step-by-step," he said. Asked about the referendum in Curaçao, Schinkelshoek said that he had kept his fingers crossed. "I am glad Curaçao took the right decision. I understand the emotions, but it is a real opportunity for the island to start fresh. The light is now green to complete the process, also for the other islands. We stick to our side of the bargain," he said. House rules What about the pressure that some say the Netherlands applied in the referendum?

"Curaçao chose to stay in the Kingdom. There are some house rules like good governance, solid finances and a proper system of law and order. It is a choice of Curaçao when and if they want to become independent." Throwing the islands out of the Kingdom, as the right wing Party for Freedom PVV has suggested, is out of the question. Besides the fact that it is constitutionally impossible, doing so would also be neo-colonial, said Schinkelshoek. "Then we would decide over the fate of the islands and that would be neo-colonial." Schinkelshoek warned that the PVV is pretty successful in its tactics to turn the public opinion in the Netherlands against the islands. "With growing annoyance, people are looking towards the other side of the Atlantic ocean at the last pieces of Dutch tropical paradise," he said. People on the islands should be well aware that the mindset is changing in the Netherlands and also in the Second Chamber. "You can see it shifting from a mild atmosphere in the past to a more cold way of doing business. I'm afraid the islands are not sufficiently realising this. More than ever I have to defend on the street why we are investing so much money in the islands. The feelings of solidarity are diminishing," he said.

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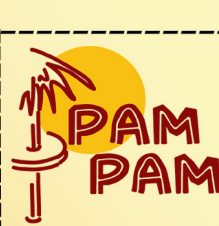
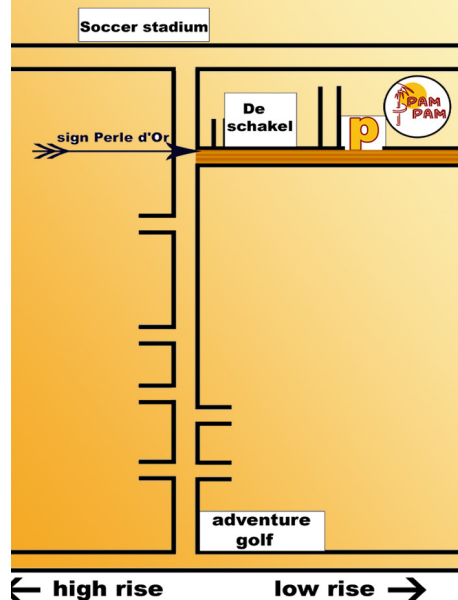
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In this photo, reviewed by the U.S. military, guards stand on either side of a line-up of Guantanamo detainees, in white, to perform a search for unauthorized items, at Guantanamo's Camp 4 detention facility, at Guantanamo Bay U.S. Naval Base, Cuba, Tuesday, May 12, 2009.

Associated Press

Democrats will not fund Gitmo closing for now

ANDREW TAYLOR
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama's allies in the Senate will not provide funds to close the Guantanamo Bay prison until the administration comes up with a satisfactory plan for transferring the detainees held there, top Democrats said Tuesday.

And in a further break with Obama, the Senate's top Democrat said he opposes transferring any Guantanamo prisoners to the United States for their trials or to serve their sentences. Secretary of Defense Robert Gates has said 50 to 100 Guantanamo detainees may be transferred to U.S. facilities.

"I can't make it any more clear," Sen. Harry Reid said. "We will never allow terrorists to be released in the United States."

Sen. Dick Durbin said Obama's plan to close Guantanamo is not dead — only that the funding will have to wait until the administration devises an acceptable plan to handle the closure and transfer the detainees. Obama has promised to close the military prison by January.

"The administration has not come up with a plan at this point," said Durbin, who is the whip, or No. 2 Democrat in the Senate. He added that Democrats are likely to address the

issue on later legislation. "I think Guantanamo should be closed and we have to wait for the president's direction on what happens to the detainees."

Durbin said that he could support transferring detainees to U.S. prisons. "Our prisons are filled with dangerous people, including terrorists. And not a single one has escaped," he said.

With debate looming on Obama's spending request to cover military and diplomatic operations in Iraq and Afghanistan, says Democrats will deny the Pentagon and Justice Department \$80 million to relocate Guantanamo's 240 detainees.

The administration has yet to develop a plan for what to do with the detainees, and Obama's promise to close the facility is facing strong Republican opposition.

It appears to be a tactical retreat. Once the administration develops a plan to close the facility, congressional Democrats are likely to revisit the topic, provided they are satisfied there are adequate safeguards.

Explaining the reversal, Durbin said: "The feeling was at this point we were defending the unknown. We were being asked to defend a plan that hasn't been announced."

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Arrest ordered for mom of boy, 13, resisting chemo



AMY FORLITI

Associated Press Writer

NEW ULM, Minnesota (AP) — A judge issued an arrest warrant Tuesday for the mother of a 13-year-old boy resisting chemotherapy after the pair missed a court hearing on his welfare.

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E - In this March 10, 2009 file photo, former U.S. President Bill Clinton greets United Nations workers in Port-au-Prince. The United Nations named Clinton Tuesday as its special envoy to Haiti, with a mission to help the impoverished nation achieve some measure of stability after devastating floods and other crises.

Associated Press

Haitians welcome Clinton appointment as UN envoy

JONATHAN M. KATZ

Associated Press Writer

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — Former President Bill Clinton became the U.N.'s first special envoy to Haiti on Tuesday, bringing an unmatched combination of local popularity and global star power to help a country devastated by political turmoil, poverty and natural disasters.

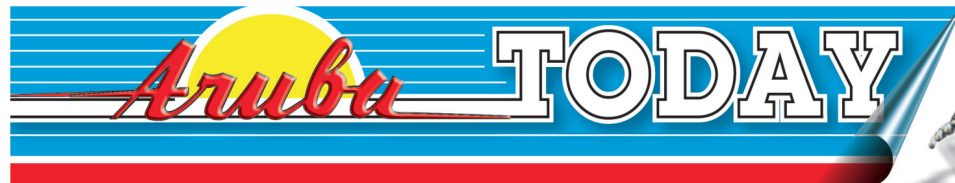
Haitians — at least those old enough to have heard of Clinton — welcomed the international attention they said he will bring to their desperate nation and some expressed optimism that he can help alleviate poverty.

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Senate Majority leader Harry Reid of Nev., center, and Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell of Ky., right, meet with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Capitol Hill in Washington, Tuesday, May 19, 2009.

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And the administration said, "Understood. Give us time to put together that plan and we'll come to you in the next appropriations bill."

The developments in Congress came as the Defense Department said it still expects the prison at Guantanamo Bay to be closed by January 2010 as Obama has ordered.

Pentagon spokesman Geoff Morrell told reporters on Tuesday that he sees nothing to indicate the January 2010 deadline will be delayed.

Republicans are poised with an amendment by Sen. James Inhofe that would block any of the Guantanamo detainees from coming to U.S. soil to stand trial or serve their sentences.

A detainee was released to France last week, leaving 240 at Guantanamo.

"Shutting this facility now could only serve one end: and that is to make Americans less safe than Guantanamo has," said Republican leader

Mitch McConnell.

"Guantanamo is the perfect place for these terrorists," McConnell said later.

House Democrats also dropped funding to close Guantanamo when producing their version of the war funding bill, which easily passed last week.

The Guantanamo controversy has roiled Washington, with most Republicans adamantly opposed to closing the prison, which mostly holds enemy combatants captured in Afghanistan. Republicans say abuses at the facility are a thing of the past.

The Senate's massive war spending measure otherwise sticks closely to Obama's request.

The House version effectively exceeds Obama's request by almost \$12 billion, adding \$2.2 billion for foreign aid and eight C-17 cargo planes despite Defense Secretary Robert Gates' desire to cease purchases of the aircraft as part of his effort to overhaul Pentagon procurement. □

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Democratic fundraiser convicted of corruption

TOM HAYS

Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — A longtime fundraiser was convicted Tuesday of violating campaign finance laws in a case that became an embarrassment to Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton and other prominent Democrats he courted. A jury in federal court in Manhattan deliberated less than three hours over two days before deciding Norman Hsu was guilty. Hsu, already jailed following an earlier guilty plea, showed no reaction as he was led out of court.

“I think he expected it because it was quick,” said his attorney, Alan Seidler. The lawyer said there would be an appeal.

Hsu, 58, had been accused of using clients of his fraudulent investment business, including actors and other political novices straw donors to make thousands of dollars in campaign donations. The scheme was designed to bypass rules limiting the amount any single individual or group can donate.

During the trial that began May 12, television actress Susan Chilman testified that she given nearly \$42,000 to Clinton and other Democratic candidates. Once she took

out her checkbook, Hsu would simply give her a name and an amount, then later reimburse her, said Chilman, who’s had roles in “Brothers & Sisters,” “CSI Miami” and “ER” under the stage name Susan Pari.

Jurors also heard testimony from several other investors who recounted how Hsu showed off his political connections by decorating his home with photos of himself with marquee Democrats. One witness testified she met President Barack Obama, Secretary of State Clinton, President Bill Clinton, Sen. John Kerry, Sen. Ted Kennedy and Rep. Patrick Kennedy of Rhode Island at fundraisers she attended with him.

Prosecutors played a voicemail recording of Clinton, then a senator, effusively praising Hsu for his loyal support.

“I’ve never seen anybody who has been more loyal and more effective and really just having greater success supporting someone than you,” she told him. “Everywhere I go, you’re there. If you’re not, you’re sending people to be part of my events. You know, we’re going to win this campaign, Norman, because you single-handedly are going to make



In this undated photo released by the San Mateo County Jail, Norman Hsu is shown. Hsu, 58, was convicted Tuesday, May 19, 2009 of violating campaign finance laws through the use of straw donors to make thousands of dollars in campaign donations to bypass rules limiting the amount any single individual or group can donate.

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that happen.”

After Hsu’s 2007 arrest, the senator returned more than \$800,000 to donors whose contributions were linked to him.

The defense suggested Hsu was framed by “greedy” investors who cut non-prosecution deals with the government. His attorney argued his client’s decision to plead guilty to separate securities fraud charges before the trial gave him credibility.

Hsu’s trial came just days after he pleaded guilty to 10 counts of wire and mail fraud, admitting that he cheated investors of at least \$20 million. Sentencing was set for Aug. 19. □

Moderate earthquake felt in downtown L.A.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A moderate earthquake rattled downtown Los Angeles on Tuesday, but there were no immediate reports of damage or injuries.

The magnitude-4.1 temblor, which struck at 3:49 p.m., was centered 10 miles southwest of downtown, near Los Angeles International Airport, according to the U.S. Geological Survey.

No damage has been reported and there has been no increase in emergency calls, city Fire spokesman Brian Humphrey said. Firefighters were driving through their districts, checking for any possible damage, he said.

The aftershock came two days after a magnitude-4.7 earthquake also centered near the airport. □

Milwaukee police link 7th case to killer

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Milwaukee police say DNA evidence has linked a seventh slaying to a serial killer who has been active in the area for more than two decades.

Police Chief Ed Flynn and the Milwaukee County District Attorney John Chisholm announced Monday that officials used DNA evidence to tie the deaths of six women — five of them prostitutes — to one person.

On Tuesday, police said they had linked another dead prostitute to the killer.

The victims were killed between 1986 and 2007 on Milwaukee’s north side.

The one victim not connected to prostitution was involved in drug use and sales.

Police have submitted or resubmitted DNA samples from more than two dozen unsolved homicides to see if they are related. □

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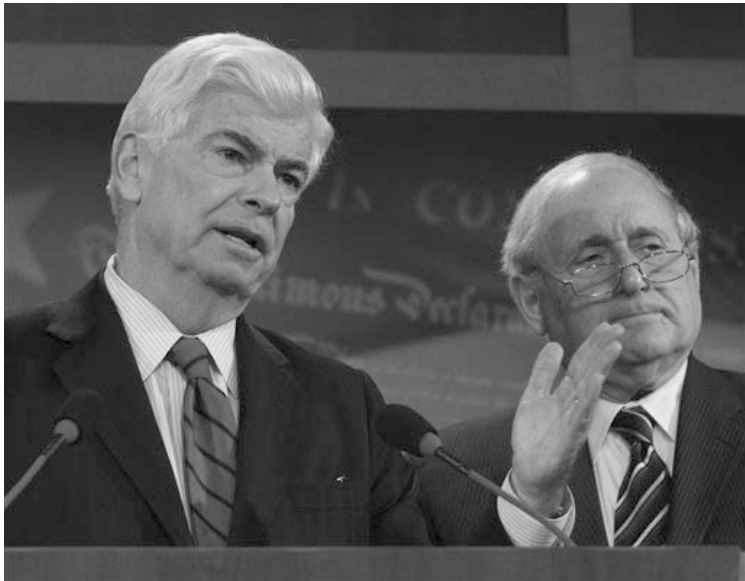
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Senate OKs bill to rein in credit card industry



Senate Banking Committee Chairman Sen. Christopher Dodd, D-Conn., left, accompanied by Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., gestures during a news conference on Capitol Hill in Washington, Tuesday, May 19, 2009, after the Senate voted to prohibit credit card companies from arbitrarily raising a person's interest rate and charging many of the exorbitant fees that have become customary _ and crippling _ to cash-strapped consumers.

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By ANNE FLAHERTY

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON – The Senate voted overwhelmingly on Tuesday to rein in credit card rate increases and excessive fees, hoping to give voters some breathing room amid a recession that has left hundreds of thousands of Americans jobless or facing foreclosure. The House was on track to pass the measure as early as Wednesday, paving the way for President Barack Obama to see the bill on his desk by week's end.

"This is a victory for every American consumer who has ever suffered at the hands of a credit card company," said Sen. Christopher Dodd, D-Conn., chairman of the Banking Committee. The bill

passed the Senate 90-5.

If enacted into law as expected, the bill would give the credit card industry nine months to change the way it does business: Lenders would have to post their credit card agreements on the Internet and let customers pay their bills online or by phone without an added fee. They'd also have to give consumers a chance to spare themselves from over-the-limit fees and provide 45 days notice and an explanation before interest rates are increased.

Some of these changes are already on track to take effect in July 2010, under new rules being imposed by the Federal Reserve.

But the Senate bill would put these changes into law and go

further in restricting the types of bank fees and who can get a card.

For example, the Senate bill requires those under 21 who seek a credit card to prove first that they can repay the money or that a parent or guardian is willing to pay off their debt if they default.

Bankers warned the measure would restrict credit at a time when Americans need it most. They defended their existing interest rates and fees on grounds that their business — lending money to consumers with no collateral and little more than a promise to pay it back — is very risky.

"What has been a short-term revolving unsecured loan will now become a medium-term unsecured loan, which is significantly more risky," said Edward Yingling, president and CEO of the American Bankers Association.

"It is a fundamental rule of lending that an increase in risk means that less credit will be available and that the credit that is available will often have a higher interest rate," Yingling added. □

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Brown County District Judge John Rodenberg also ordered that Daniel Hauser be placed in protective custody so he can get proper medical treatment for Hodgkin's lymphoma.

The cancer is considered highly curable with proper treatment, but Daniel quit chemo after a single treatment and with his parents opted instead for "alternative medicines," citing religious beliefs. That led authorities to seek custody. Rodenberg last week ruled that Daniel's parents, Colleen and Anthony Hauser, were medically neglecting their son.

Anthony Hauser now agrees that Daniel needs to be taken back to a doctor for re-evaluation for the best treatment, said Calvin Johnson, an attorney for the parents.

The family was due in court Tuesday to tell the

judge results of a chest X-ray and arrangements for an oncologist. But Daniel's father was the only one who appeared. He told Rodenberg he last saw Colleen Hauser on Monday evening.

"She said she was going to leave," Hauser testified. "She said, 'That's all you need to know.' And that's all I know." He said his wife left her cell phone at home.

The family's doctor, James Joyce, testified by telephone that Daniel's tumor has grown and he needs immediate assessment by a pediatric cancer doctor.

Joyce said he examined Daniel on Monday, with an X-ray showing that his tumor had grown to the size it was when he was first diagnosed.

"He had basically gotten back all the trouble he had in January," the doctor said.

Daniel was accompanied by his mother and Susan Daya, who Joyce said was an attorney

from California.

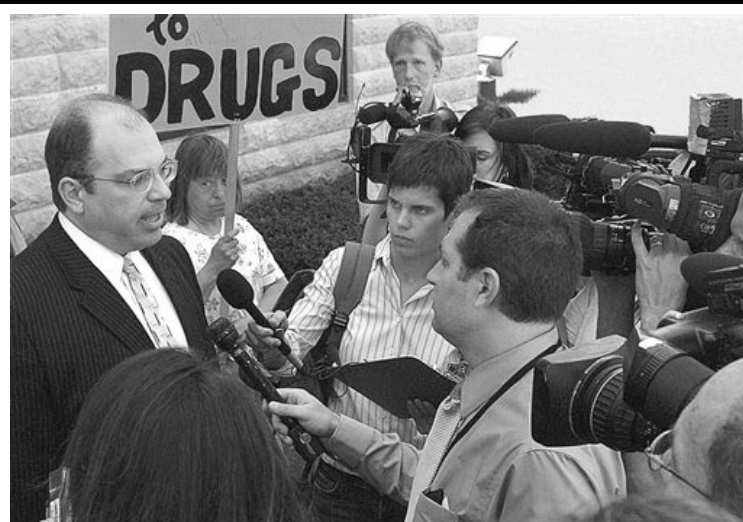
Joyce testified that he offered to make appointments for Daniel with oncologists at Children's Hospital, the University of Minnesota, Mayo Clinic or elsewhere, but the Hausers declined.

He also said he tried to give Daniel more information about lymphoma but that Daya, Daniel and his mother left in a rush.

"Under Susan Daya's urging, they indicated they had other places to go," Joyce said.

Daya did not immediately return a page left on her cell phone Tuesday by The Associated Press. Her voice mailbox was full.

Besides examining Daniel's chest X-ray, Joyce also said he asked Daniel how he was feeling. The doctor said the boy told him he had pain on the right side of his chest, which Daniel rated a 10 on a



Attorney Philip Elbert, appointed to represent Daniel Hauser, speaks to reporters outside of the Brown County Courthouse after a hearing which Hauser and his mother Colleen failed to appear at on Tuesday May 19, 2009 in New Ulm, Minn. A judge issued an arrest warrant Tuesday for the mother of a 13-year-old boy resisting chemotherapy after the pair missed a court hearing on his welfare.

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scale of 1 to 10.

Joyce said the pain was around the port that was inserted into Daniel's chest to administer chemotherapy. He attributed the pain to the growing tumor,

which is pushing the port out of place.

Daniel also told the doctor he had a cough, though he wasn't having any trouble breathing, Joyce said. □

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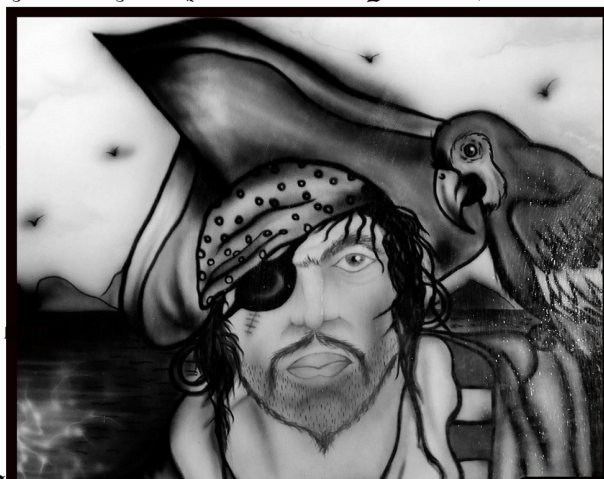
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Italy recovers lost Byzantine frescos from Greece

ROME (AP) — Italian cultural authorities said Tuesday they had recovered two precious Byzantine-era frescos ripped from a church in southern Italy by looters 27 years ago that ended up at the home of a shipping heiress on a remote Greek

island. The Carabinieri art squad showed off the delicate frescos and other artifacts recovered by Italy as part of its crackdown on illicit antiquities trafficking. In all, police say they recovered more than €3 million (\$4

million) worth of stolen statues, busts, and ancient pots. Police say the frescos were discovered as part of investigations into Marion True, a former curator of the J. Paul Getty Museum in Los Angeles. True is on trial in Rome with art dealer Robert Hecht, accused of knowingly acquiring dozens of allegedly looted ancient artifacts. Both deny wrongdoing.

The frescos, which date from the 11th to the 13th centuries and depict saints, were found in the home of Greek shipping heiress Despoina Papadimitriou. She is the sister of the late Christo Michailidis, a


London-based art dealer who supplied Greek, Roman and Etruscan antiquities to the Getty. She has not been implicated in Italy in relation to the looted art. With True on trial in Rome, Greek authorities began their own investigations into illicit trafficking in antiquities. They searched Papadimitriou's sprawling villa on the island of Schoinoussa in 2006 and shared with the Italians photos of what they found, the carabinieri said.

Italian authorities, backed by Greek officials, confirmed that the two frescos had come from the Grotta delle Formelle chapel in Caserta, in southern Italy, which had


been looted in April 1982, the statement said. Police estimate the frescos would fetch €500,000 on the black market.

Police also showed off some of the 251 artifacts, worth a total of some €2 million, discovered as part of another investigation, dubbed Operation Phoenix, into looted antiquities found in Switzerland.

The goods were handed over to Italian authorities by two Lebanese brothers who operated a Geneva antiquities gallery. Police said they hoped that such a gesture would be repeated by anyone who had illicit antiquities in their possession. □



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Ethiopia denies its troops entered Somalia

MOHAMED OLAD HASSAN
Associated Press Writer

MOGADISHU, Somalia (AP) — Witnesses said Tuesday that Ethiopian troops had crossed the border into war-ravaged Somalia and appeared to be stationing themselves in a town at a strategic crossroads. Ethiopia denied the reports.

Any substantial movement of Ethiopian troops into Somali territory could hand Somali Islamist insurgents a propaganda coup. They used nationalist and religious rhetoric to help recruit fighters against the previous Somali administration, portraying the Islamist cause as a defense of Somalia against Ethiopian invaders, who are largely Christian.

A witness said he saw 12 military vehicles, but the number of troops was not clear, nor was it clear if they were a vanguard of a larger force or an attempt to protect the porous border from the Islamic insurgents.

“Our troops have not returned to Somalia,” Ethiopian Foreign Ministry spokesman Wahde Belay said. “Our troops are on our side of the border.”

There have been sporadic reports of Ethiopian troops crossing into Somalia since



Islamist hardliners patrol near a checkpoint in southern Mogadishu, March 2009. Ethiopia denied its troops had crossed into neighbouring Somalia where Islamist rebels have launched an offensive against the government.

Photo by Mustafa Abdi

early this year, when Ethiopia pulled out the forces it had sent there in 2006 to restore the U.N.-backed government to power in the capital, Mogadishu. Islamist fighters, who had seized the capital along with much of southern Somalia, were outgunned by Ethiopian firepower but began an Iraq-style insurgency. Since then, Somalia has changed administrations, but the insurgents have continued to attack government forces and fighting intensified this month.

Witnesses said they saw Ethiopian troops in the Somali town of Kalabeyr, 14 miles (22 kilometers) from the

Ethiopian border and 11 miles (18 kilometers) north of Belet Weyne, the provincial capital of Somalia’s Hiran region. Kalabeyr lies at the junction of a road that links southern, central and northern Somalia to the Ethiopian border.

Local bus driver Farah Ahmed Adan said he saw 12 military vehicles.

“Some of them were digging trenches while others were guarding the whole area,” he said. “They stopped me and checked my car and then ordered me to move.”

Resident Tabane Abdi Ali said the troops spoke Ethiopia’s Amharic language and their vehicles carried Ethiopian

number plates. Another resident, Fadum Duale, said the troops crossed the border late on Monday night and appeared to be taking up defensive positions. The African Union and

Somali Information Minister Farhan Ali Mahmud would not comment on the reports of Ethiopian troop arrivals and United Nations officials did not return calls seeking comment. □

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“If he can make the U.N. work better with Haiti and gets us more money, that would be good,” said John-Peter Lacoure, a 24-year-old

college graduate who cannot find a job.

But many Haitians said their problems are too great for any one person to fix.

“Where we are now, the only one who can help us is

God,” said Patrick Pierre, 47, hawking cell phone cards on the dusty street where the U.N. is based. Clinton — who will be paid \$1 a year and travel to Haiti several times annually — said he is honored.

“I believe Haiti is better positioned to make progress for all its people than at any time since I first visited in 1978,” he said in a statement. “Last year’s natural disasters took a great toll, but Haiti’s

government and people have the determination and ability to ... lay the foundations for the long-term sustainable development that has eluded them for so long.”

Clinton is well-regarded in Haiti for using the threat of U.S. military force to oust a dictatorship in 1994, then sending Army troops and Marines to pave the way for the return of President Jean-Bertrand Aristide, who had been deposed in a coup. Aristide was again ousted in a 2004 rebellion and flown into exile on a U.S. plane.

Clinton’s popularity could help temper the feelings of many Haitians toward the U.N. peacekeeping force. Many see the “blue helmets,” who have been the country’s only real security since 2004, as unwanted occupiers and ask why they haven’t done more to alleviate poverty in a country where 80 percent of people live on less than \$2 a day.

U.N. Secretary General Ban Ki-moon said in Geneva that Clinton will “bring energy, dynamism and focus to the task of mobilizing international support for Haiti’s economic recovery and reconstruction.” Clinton will focus on economic and social development, leaving management of the peacekeepers to Ban’s full-time representative, Hedi Annabi.

“He is going to be an advocate for the Haitian people,” Ban’s spokeswoman, Michelle Montas, told The Associated Press in Port-au-Prince.

U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton prompted laughter when she announced the appointment without mentioning the new envoy’s name or the fact that he is her husband: “Ban Ki-moon has chosen a high-profile envoy to raise the visibility of the needs of the people of Haiti.” Nearly 40 percent of Haitians are under 15, and many have never heard of Clinton. Yet the former president was greeted like a rock star during his last visit. Shrieking fans climbed over one another to shake his hand with nearly as much excitement as they reserved for rap star Wyclef Jean, who was also in the group. □

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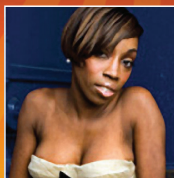
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Thursday, May 21

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WHUR – The Mid Day with Triscina Grey 10a-3p, MooMba Beach,

J E Irausquin Blvd 230, Palm Beach

The Doug & DeDe Show 3-7p– Renaissance Aruba Resort & Casino

L.G. Smith Boulevard 82, Oranjestad

Soul Beach Daytime Event 10a – 3p, Aruba SMS Competition Showdown

MooMba Beach Bar & Restaurant, J E Irausquin Blvd 230, Palm Beach

Soul Beach Happy Hour 5-7p, The Village at Palm Beach, Chino Latino

Adjacent - J.E. Irausquin Blvd.

Nightclub Party 10p-2a, Hard Rock Cafe Aruba, (Also has NBA Playoff screenings), South Beach Building Loc. 33, Palm Beach

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Main Stage Music Concert 7p-11p

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Nightclub Parties 11p– 4a, Havana Beach Club, L.G. Smith Blvd 1, Oranjestad

Saturday, May 23

Motorcraft Beach Party Event 10a-3p, MooMba Beach Bar & Restaurant,

J.E. Irausquin Blvd 230, Palm Beach

Main Stage Music Concert 7p-11p

Soul Beach Amphitheater, Adjacent to Havana Beach Club, Oranjestad

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Nightclub Parties 11p– 4a, Havana Beach Club, L.G. Smith Blvd 1, Oranjestad

Sunday, May 24

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Abbas swears in new Hamas-free government

By MOHAMMED
DARAGHMEH

Associated Press Writer

RAMALLAH, West Bank — Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas on Tuesday swore in a new government comprised mainly of members of his Fatah Party, but without representation of his bitter rivals from the militant Islamic Hamas group. The move underlines the failure of attempts to bridge differences between the two movements, which have been negotiating to form a joint government that would reunite the West Bank and Gaza and open the way for renewed foreign aid. Hamas overran Gaza nearly two years ago, expelling Fatah forces. The government sworn in Tuesday will effectively only rule the West Bank.

Nations and aid organizations have been dealing with Abbas, but Hamas and Gaza have been largely left out because the EU, U.S. and Israel list Hamas as a terror organization.

In Gaza, Hamas official Mushir al-Masri rejected the new Cabinet.

"This government is illegal, unconstitutional and came with the blessing of the Zionist and American administrations, and it poses an obstacle on the way to national reconciliation talks," he said. After Israel's war on Hamas in Gaza, which ended in mid-January, Egypt hosted several rounds of Palestinian unity talks. The aim was to set up a unity government, mainly to handle reconstruction in Gaza, until presidential and parliament elections can be

held in January.

However, the talks are deadlocked over the political program of a joint government. Hamas has balked at Western demands that any Palestinian government recognize Israel, renounce violence and accept previous peace deals.

Abbas has said the new government would step down if a power-sharing deal is reached.

In the meantime, Salam Fayyad will retain his position as prime minister of the government. The respected economist has worked to restore transparency to murky Palestinian finances, a step toward reassuring donor nations that their money is being put to good use.

Speaking to reporters after the swearing-in ceremony, Fayyad pledged to work



Palestinian Prime Minister Salam Fayyad, right, who retains his position in the new Palestinian government, shakes hands with President Mahmoud Abbas, left, after he was sworn in during a ceremony in the West Bank city of Ramallah, Tuesday, May 19, 2009. Abbas on Tuesday swore in a new government comprised mainly of members of his Fatah Party, but without representation of his bitter rivals from the militant Islamic Hamas.

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for reconstruction of Gaza after Israel's offensive there earlier this year. He stressed the need for Palestinian unity and reconciliation.

"This is a high priority for all of us, and we hope we can reach it as soon as possible," he said.

The new Palestinian government has 24 ministries

to rule over around 2.5 million people in the West Bank and to provide some services for Hamas-ruled Gaza.

The large government is meant to appease Fatah operatives who have complained that Fayyad had given posts to independents and overlooked Fatah in his first government.



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NHL Playoff

Pens take series lead, hold off 'Canes 3-2



Pittsburgh Penguins' Miroslav Satan (81), of Slovakia, switches to the backhand on a first-period score against Carolina Hurricanes goalie Cam Ward (30) in Game 1 of the NHL hockey Eastern Conference finals Monday, May 18, 2009, in Pittsburgh.

ALAN ROBINSON PITTSBURGH (AP) — Miroslav Satan and Philippe Boucher scored their first

goals of the playoffs to lead the Pittsburgh Penguins to a 3-2 victory over the Carolina Hurricanes in Game 1 of the NHL Eastern Conference finals Monday.

Game 2 will be Thursday night following the first of as many as three two-day breaks in the drawn-out series.

Evgeni Malkin had a goal and an assist for the Hurricanes on a night Sidney Crosby, the leading scorer in the playoffs with 22 points, was limited to an assist. Satan and Malkin scored less than 90 seconds apart midway through the first period for the Penguins, who are trying to win back-to-back conference championships for the first time since 1991-92.

Boucher scored what proved to be the decisive goal on a power play at 11:33 of the third period, a shot from the left circle that trickled across the goal line before Cam Ward could stop it.

Boucher's goal was his first in the playoffs since April 12, 2004, and proved significant when Joe Corvo scored on a power play with 1:26 remaining for Carolina, which has dropped Game 1 in each of its three playoff series.

Penguins goaltender Marc-Andre Fleury didn't make as many tough saves as Ward, who turned aside 28 shots, but he kept the Hurricanes from getting any offensive flow going in a game when many of their best scoring chances came in the final few minutes. Fleury made 23 saves.

The Hurricanes played better than they did in losing Game 1 to New Jersey and Boston,

each time 4-1, but played from behind after Satan came out of the penalty box and scored at 9:17 on a breakaway created by Matt Cooke's pass. Malkin made it 2-0 at 10:41 on a backhand to Ward's stick side. While the Hurricanes didn't have the opening-game letdown that some teams experience after a series as challenging and emotionally draining as their seven-game second round against top-seeded Boston, they again lacked goals. That's been an ongoing problem for a team that found multiple ways to pull out games in the first two rounds but averaged only 2.36 goals per game — far less than Pittsburgh's 3.46 average.

The Hurricanes didn't score until Chad LaRose's goal off Erik Cole's drop pass at 13:04 of the second, and then got only one shot in the first 10 minutes of the third. □

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Arnold Palmer, right, is presented the Bryon Nelson Prize by Peggy Nelson in Irving, Texas, Tuesday, May 19, 2009. The Byron Nelson Prize was established after Nelson's death in 2006. It's given to a person or organization in golf who exemplifies the ideals of "giving back."

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Arnold Palmer receives Byron Nelson Prize

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Arnold Palmer said it was "a great thrill" to receive the Bryon Nelson Prize on Tuesday.

The Byron Nelson Prize was established after Nelson's death in 2006. It's given to a person or organization in golf who exemplifies the ideals of "giving back."

The prize comes with a \$100,000 contribution to charity. That will be made to the Arnold D. And Winifred W. Palmer Charitable Foundation, which supports hospitals for women and children.

Part of the permanent trophy Palmer received includes one of 14 unfinished wooden clocks that were found in Nelson's workshop after he died. □

SPORTS

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AL Roundup

Bartlett leads Rays over A's for 4th straight win

ST. PETERSBURG, Florida (AP) — Jason Bartlett drove in a career-high five runs as the Tampa Bay Rays beat the struggling Oakland Athletics 13-4 on Monday for a season-best four-game winning streak.

Rookie Jeff Niemann (4-3) allowed four runs and eight hits in eight innings to win for the fourth time in his last five decisions. He struck out three and walked none in the longest outing of his career.

Bartlett went 3 for 3 with a walk to raise his batting average to .384. He had a two-run single off Sean Gallagher (1-2) in the first, as well as a run-scoring triple in the fifth and a two-run single in the sixth.

The A's, swept at Detroit last weekend, have been outscored 47-13 during a four-game losing streak in which their starting pitchers have yielded 31 runs (23 earned) in 13 innings.

Yankees 7, Twins 6

At New York, Mark Teixeira homered from both sides of the plate, combining with Alex Rodriguez for back-to-back drives in a six-run first inning as New York completed a four-game sweep of Minnesota.

After stringing together three straight walk-off wins for the first time since 1972, the Yankees overcame a 2-0 first-inning deficit and hung on to extend their winning streak to a season-high six.

Andy Pettitte (4-1) won consecutive starts for the first time this year, allowing four runs and 12 hits in 6 2-3 innings.

Justin Morneau had four hits and Michael Cuddyer and Denard Span homered for the Twins.

Glen Perkins (1-3) lasted just nine batters and got two outs, allowing six runs and seven hits. Minnesota dropped to 4-12 on the road but is 14-9 at home.

Blue Jays 3, White Sox 2

At Toronto, Alex Rios hit a go-ahead triple in the eighth inning as Toronto completed a four-game sweep of Chicago.

Jim Thome tied it in the top of the eighth with a two-run homer, the 548th of his career, but Toronto rallied against Octavio Dotel (1-1).

Chicago lost its season-high fifth straight and has dropped 10 in a row at Toronto.

Dotel had not allowed a run in 14 games this season, a span of 12 1-3 innings, when he relieved in the eighth with the score 2-all.

Jose Bautista drew a leadoff walk, moved up on a sacrifice and stole third. Rios' triple skipped past a diving Scott Podsednik in center field.

Jesse Carlson (1-2) got the win despite allowing Thome's homer. Scott Downs earned his fifth save in as many chances.

Angels 10, Mariners 6

At Seattle, Torii Hunter hit a three-run double in a five-run fifth inning and Kendry Morales homered twice to rally John Lackey and Los Angeles past Seattle.

In other AL games it was Toronto 3, Chicago White Sox 2; N.Y. Yankees 7, Minnesota 6; Tampa Bay 13, Oakland 4; and L.A. Angels 10, Seattle 6. □

Minnesota Twins catcher Joe Mauer, left, and New York Yankees Mark Teixeira watch Teixeira's seventh inning solo home run off Minnesota Twins reliever Luis Ayala in their baseball game at Yankee Stadium in New York, Monday, May 18, 2009. It was Teixeira's second home run of the game. He also hit a three run homer in the first inning.

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NL Roundup

Looper, Gamel help Brewers sweep Cardinals



Milwaukee Brewers' Mat Gamel celebrates with teammates Ryan Braun, right, and Prince Fielder after Gamel's three-run home run, next to St. Louis Cardinals catcher Yadier Molina in the third inning of a baseball game, Monday, May 18, 2009, in St. Louis.

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ST. LOUIS (AP) — Braden Looper allowed just two hits into the seventh inning and Mat Gamel hit a three-run homer in his first career start as the Milwaukee Brewers completed a three-game sweep

of the St. Louis Cardinals with an 8-4 victory in the National League on Monday. Jason Kendall of the Brewers became the eighth full-time catcher to reach 2,000 hits. Milwaukee has won 12 of 14

overall and 10 of 11 over the Cardinals the last two seasons. They won their sixth straight hours after learning Rickie Weeks will miss the rest of the season with a wrist injury. Craig Counsell, who replaced Weeks in the leadoff spot and at second base, was 1 for 6. Kyle Lohse (3-3) working on two days' rest after working two innings in Friday's rainout, trailed 4-0 after four innings. Colby Rasmus and Skip Schumaker hit two-run homers in the seventh for St. Louis.

Dodgers 3, Mets 2, 11 innings At Los Angeles, errors by Gold Glove center fielder Carlos Beltran and fill-in first baseman Jeremy Reed in the 11th inning cost New York as Los Angeles sneaked away with a victory.

The Dodgers have won five of their last six games, after dropping four of their first five following the 50-game suspension Manny Ramirez received for violating baseball's drug policy. They are a major league-best 27-13

overall, and 14 games over .500 for the first time since finishing the 2006 season 88-74.

New York blew a chance to take the lead in the 11th on a play that was right out of the Mets' 1962 playbook. Ryan Church singled with two outs against Ramon Troncoso and came all the way around on Angel Pagan's drive to the fence in right-center.

But Church missed third base with his right foot and the Dodgers retired him on an appeal play. So instead of an RBI triple, Pagan had to settle for a single, his fourth hit of the game.

Rockies 5, Braves 1

At Atlanta, Jason Marquis outpitched Derek Lowe as Colorado downed Atlanta. Marquis (5-3) scattered five hits and allowed one run in eight innings to end a two-start losing streak.

Lowe (5-2) was attempting to become the NL's first six-game winner. He allowed two runs, three hits and one walk in eight innings, losing for the

first time in five starts.

Colorado, which had lost three out of four and seven of 10, snapped a two-game losing streak.

The Braves have lost two straight and three of four. Atlanta dropped to 6-11 at Turner Field, where they have lost 11 of 14.

Dexter Fowler, who gave Colorado a 1-0 lead in third with an RBI groundout, doubled leading off the sixth and made it 2-1 on Todd Helton's fielder's choice grounder.

The Braves tied it in the sixth on a double-play grounder by Casey Kotchman.

The Rockies scored three runs in the ninth.

Pirates 12, Nationals 7

At Washington, Craig Monroe hit a three-run homer and Jack Wilson got four hits to lead Pittsburgh past Washington.

In other NL games it was Pittsburgh 12, Washington 7; Colorado 5, Atlanta 1; Milwaukee 8, St. Louis 4; and L.A. Dodgers 3, N.Y. Mets 2, 11 innings. □



FILE - In this April 23, 2009 file photo, New York Mets' Carlos Delgado prepares to bat during a baseball game against the St. Louis Cardinals in St. Louis.

Associated Press

RONALD BLUM

AP Baseball Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Carlos Delgado had hip surgery on Tuesday, and the New York Mets expect their slugging

Mets slugger Delgado out until late July

first baseman to return in late July.

The team said he had arthroscopic surgery at the Hospital for Special Surgery and will need a recovery period of about 10 weeks. Delgado was diagnosed with an impingement of the hip, a bone spur and torn labrum.

New York Yankees star Alex Rodriguez had surgery in March for a torn labrum — cartilage that lines the hip socket to stabilize and cushion the joint. He returned to the team two months later.

Delgado was put on the 15-day disabled list last Saturday. The two-time Major League Baseball All-Star is hitting

.298 with four home runs and 23 RBIs in 26 games. His 473 home runs are two shy of Stan Musial and Willie Stargell for 28th place on the MLB career list.

The 36-year-old Delgado enjoyed a resurgence last year, batting .271 with 38 homers and 115 RBIs.

"He's a big part of this ballclub and a big part of this lineup, so we're going to miss him," center fielder and No. 3 hitter Carlos Beltran said. "But we still have to go out and play baseball, do the best we can with what we've got and keep ourselves in good shape (in the standings) so that he can help us when he comes back." □

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BOGOTA (Reuters) - El presidente de Colombia, Alvaro Uribe, quedó el martes más cerca de poder competir para un tercer mandato el próximo año, después de que el Senado aprobó en último debate un proyecto de referendo constitucional para permitir su segunda reelección inmediata.

El popular mandatario, considerado por un amplio sector como irremplazable por su ofensiva militar contra la guerrilla izquierdista y el narcotráfico, fue elegido en el 2002 y nuevamente en el 2006 después de un cambio a la Constitución para permitir su reelección.

El referendo aprobado con 62 votos por la plenaria del Senado en el último de cuatro debates irá a una comisión de conciliación con la Cámara de Representantes y después deberá ser enviado a la Corte Constitucional para que lo avale o lo rechace.

El proyecto enfrentó una fuerte oposición del Partido Liberal y del Polo Democrático Alternativo que lo calificaron como un camino hacia una dictadura y advirtieron sobre



El presidente colombiano, Alvaro Uribe quedó el martes más cerca de poder competir para un tercer mandato el próximo año, después de que el Senado aprobó en último debate un proyecto de referendo constitucional para permitir su segunda reelección inmediata. REUTERS/Jose Miguel Gomez

el riesgo de la concentración de poder en manos de Uribe al eliminar los sistemas de control y contrapeso al Gobierno.

“Este es un acto mediante el cual se está descuartizando la democracia”, dijo el senador del Polo Democrático Luis Carlos Avellaneda, quien reiteró que

la continuidad de Uribe en la presidencia abre el camino a la “dictadura y a la autocracia”. En tanto, el senador liberal Camilo Sánchez denunció que la aprobación del referendo, con el apoyo del Gobierno, demuestra que el país ya está inmerso en una dictadura.

“Es doloroso para la democracia, es triste que quieran hacer creer a los colombianos que el pueblo está haciendo cola (fila) para votar por el presidente, que casi lo estamos obligando para que sea reelegido nuevamente, estamos sin

pesos ni contrapesos”, afirmó el legislador.

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Por su parte, el Gobierno celebró la aprobación del referendo en el Senado. “Nosotros celebramos que el Congreso haya venido tramitando este referendo como nosotros lo queremos (...) Finalmente será el pueblo colombiano quien decida”, dijo el ministro del Interior Fabio Valencia.

Si la Corte Constitucional autoriza el referendo, el presidente debe sancionar la respectiva ley y convocarlo, mientras que la Registraduría debe organizarlo.

Alrededor de 7,5 millones de personas, un 25 por ciento del total de electores habilitados, deberán asistir a las urnas para votar a favor o en contra.

Uribe cuenta con el favoritismo de empresarios y de Wall Street por sus políticas de libre mercado, pero no ha dicho con claridad si está interesado en buscar su segunda reelección, lo que mantiene en incertidumbre a los políticos a un año de los comicios presidenciales. □

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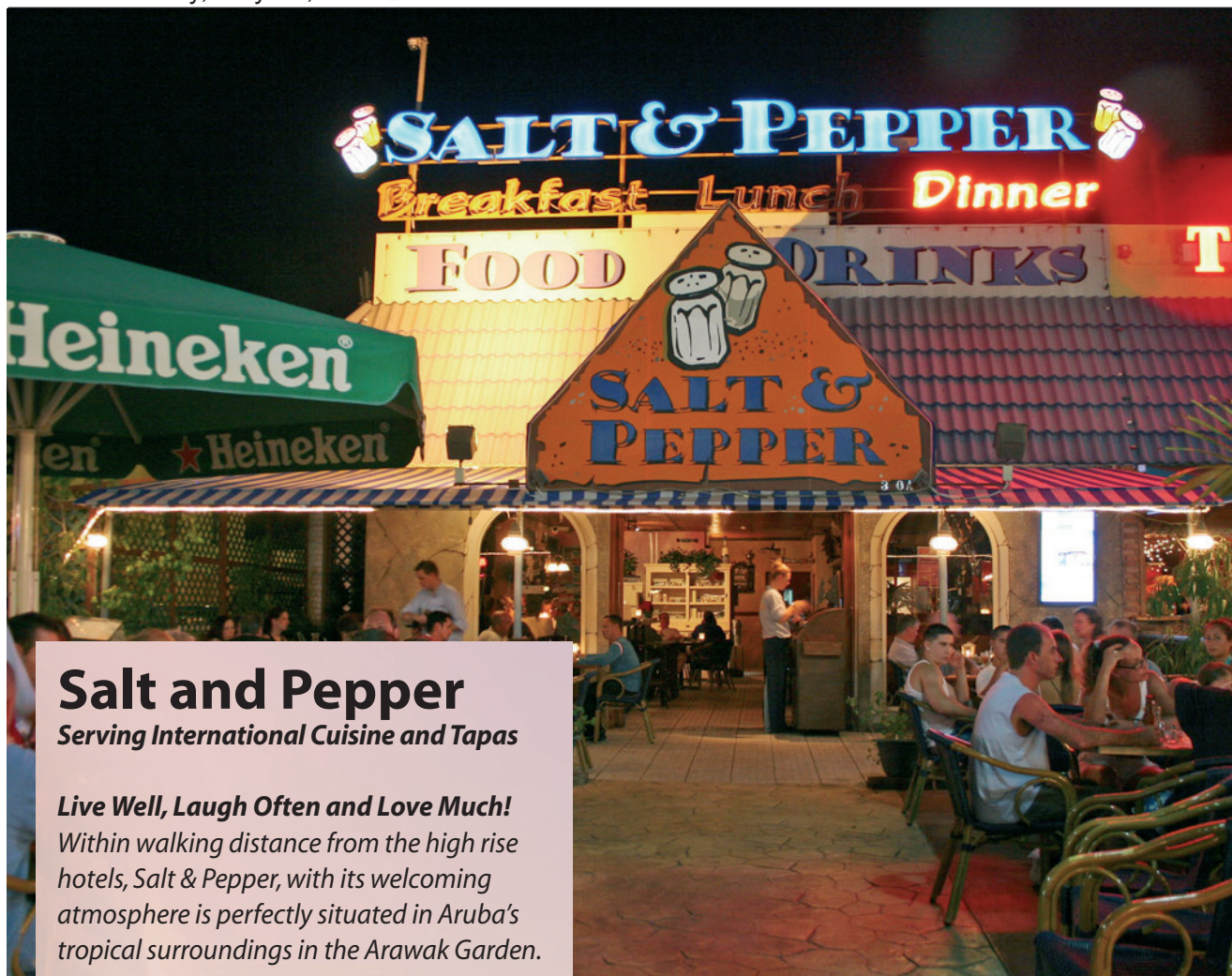
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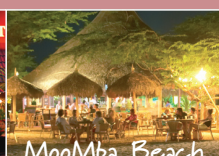
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